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Trump's Tariffs on Solar Mark Biggest Blow to Renewables Yet

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President Donald Trump dealt his biggest blow to the renewable energy industry yet. On Monday, Trump approved duties of as much as 30 percent on solar equipment made outside the U.S., a move that threatens to handicap a \$28 billion industry that relies on parts made abroad for 80 percent of its supply. [[read more ...](#)]

Trump Slaps Steep Tariffs on Foreign Washing Machines and Solar Products

By ANA SWANSON and BRAD PLUMER, New York Times • • Posted 2018-01-23 06:45:05

President Trump slapped steep tariffs on imports of washing machines and solar energy cells and panels on Monday, the first major step by the administration to erect the kind of trade barriers Mr. Trump has frequently said are necessary to protect manufacturers in the United States. The twin announcements came after a year of tough rhetoric — but little action — on curbing imports of cheap products from countries like China and South Korea. [[read more ...](#)]

Trump deals blow to solar makers; forcing industry to look elsewhere for growth

By Henning Gloystein, Reuters • • Posted 2018-01-23 06:44:47

U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to slap tariffs on solar panel imports is a blow to a booming global industry. The protectionist measures will pull investments in the technology out of the United States and into Asia and other regions, as the industry tries to make up for the lost opportunity in America, industry sources said on Tuesday. [[read more ...](#)]

U.S. slaps steep tariffs on imported washers, solar panels

By Eric Walsh, Reuters • • Posted 2018-01-23 06:46:02

U.S. President Donald Trump slapped steep tariffs on imported washing machines and solar panels on Monday, marking his first moves to erect trade restrictions under seldom-used trade laws that allow unilateral actions. The decisions in the two "Section 201" safeguard cases followed findings by the U.S. International Trade Commission that both imported products "are a substantial cause of serious injury to domestic manufacturers," U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said in a statement. [[read more ...](#)]

Can Gov. Inslee deliver America's first carbon tax?

Benjamin Storrow, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2018-01-22 06:51:46

Jay Inslee, Washington state's Democratic governor, is one of America's leading climate evangelists. Now, as he seeks to pass a major policy limiting emissions, he's facing perhaps the biggest political victory of his career, or his sharpest defeat. [[read more ...](#)]

Inslee talks climate change and 'biblical' weather

Benjamin Storrow, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2018-01-22 06:58:33

For many Democratic governors, climate change is a line in their stump speech. Washington Gov. Jay Inslee is different. When Inslee stepped to the rostrum in Olympia for his annual State of the State address earlier this month, he dedicated most of his remarks to climate and his proposal to institute a carbon tax. [[read more ...](#)]

Leaked Trump plan pushes private investment, cleanups

Nick Sobczyk, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2018-01-23 06:46:25

In the energy sector, the document points to funding for several areas, including hydropower and innovative energy projects, as well as rural generation, transmission and distribution facilities. The draft would also provide additional incentives to clean up the nation's most polluted properties. Those include creating a new revolving loan fund for Superfund projects, making it easier to create special accounts for cleanups, and reducing the liability of state and local governments when they acquire contaminated property. [[read more ...](#)]

Scoop: Trump turns on his Interior Secretary

By Jonathan Swan and Amy Harder, Axios • • Posted 2018-01-23 06:46:42

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke went "rogue," per one source. And President Trump isn't happy about it. Two weeks ago, Zinke made an announcement that surprised the White House (and over Twitter, no less, after telling reporters at the Tallahassee airport): the waters around Florida would be exempt from his agency's offshore oil and gas leasing program. Zinke's announcement came shortly after he met with the state's Republican governor, Rick Scott. [[read more ...](#)]

Big Tech Is Buying More Clean Energy Than Ever in the Trump Era

By Chris Martin, Bloomberg • • Posted 2018-01-23 06:46:57

Companies, led by tech giants including Apple Inc. and Facebook Inc., are snapping up more clean energy than ever, even as shifting environmental policies from the U.S. to Europe threaten the economics of renewable energy. Forty-three businesses signed long-term agreements for a record 5.4 gigawatts of clean power including solar and wind worldwide last year, according to a Bloomberg New Energy Finance report. That's up from 4.3 gigawatts in 2016 and is enough to displace at least 10 coal-fired power plants. [[read more ...](#)]

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